



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Docket No. 2335)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

## **COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

Applicant expresses appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of the present application.

Applicant understands that the Examiner has thoroughly examined the claims and prior art of record and has concluded that the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, fails to disclose or suggest the entirety of each combination of steps and/or structure recited by each of the allowed claims, that the Examiner has found each claim as a whole to patentably distinguish over the art of record, and that patentability of the claims does not necessarily rest on only the aspect that the Examiner listed in the reasons for allowance.

Applicant also submits that the reasons for allowance are clear from the record of prosecution as a whole and, thus, that a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

10/30/09

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